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TITLE OF INVENTION: COMMUNICATION PERFORMANCE CALCULATION METHOD AND COMMUNICATION PERFORMANCE CALCULATION APPARATUS IN MOBILE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, AND BLOCKING PROBABILITY CALCULATION METHOD AND BLOCKING PROBABILITY CALCULATION APPARATUS IN COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM

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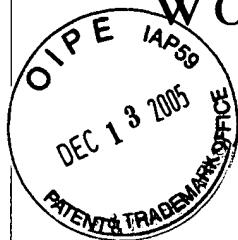
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated September 13, 2005, please find enclosed herewith the following items for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above identified patent application:

X Issue Fee Transmittal (PTOL-85B) submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311.

☐ A Supplemental Declaration executed by the inventor(s) is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.67.

☒ A Certificate of Deposit Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 is enclosed.

☐ Pursuant to the request for submission of formal drawings, enclosed are the following:

☐ A Letter to the Official Draftsperson;

☐ A set of _____ () sheets of formal drawings to replace the corresponding drawings originally filed with the subject application.

☐ A duplicate set of the _____ () sheets of formal drawings with the changes therein highlighted in red.

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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

On page 2 of the Examiner's Notice of Allowability, the Examiner has indicated that no prior art was found that "Regarding claims 1, 9 and 10 the most relevant prior art of record Gunmar at al teaches a communication performance calculation method in a mobile communication system which includes a plurality of base stations and a plurality of mobile stations for carrying out communication with the base stations, wherein an area where the mobile stations are distributed is

divided into a plurality of subdivisions, said communication performance calculation method comprising: a transmission power data storing step of storing, for each of the plurality subdivisions transmission power data of a base station corresponding to the subdivision, of the mobile station visiting the subdivision, or of both a base station corresponding to the subdivision and mobile station visiting the subdivisions; a traffic intensity data storing step of storing for each of the plurality subdivisions traffic intensity data of the subdivision; a traffic calculating step of calculating a mean and variance of applied traffic at the base stations and a communication performance calculating step of calculating communication performance from the mean and variance. Claim 1,9 and 10 are allowable over the prior art of record since the cited references taken individually or in combination (in view of Applicant Remarks/in the amendment) fails to teach (with combination above) a traffic calculating step of calculating a mean and variance of applied traffic at a single base station from transmission power data and the traffic intensity data of the plurality of subdivisions.”

Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention as set forth in each of the independent claims and the dependent claims must be read as a whole, and not as a single feature or subcombination of features which represent less than the entirety of the claimed invention as a whole. While a particular feature or subcombination of features referred to by the Examiner in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance may represent a basis for distinguishing the claimed invention over the prior art, Applicants further submit that this may not necessarily be the *sole* ground for distinguishing the claimed invention over the prior art of record. Accordingly, the Examiner’s statement should, in Applicants’ view, not be read as constituting or meaning that the invention can or should be reduced to a single “feature” of the invention or to a subcombination of features that is less than the entire invention claimed as a whole, nor that the single feature referenced by the Examiner or subcombination of features referenced by the Examiner in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance is the only or sole grounds for distinguishing the invention over the prior art of record.

Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

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Dated this 13th day of December 2005.

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